

ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee

Date of meeting	20 December 2024
Title of paper	General Practice Capital Investment
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Agenda item	6
Confidential	No

Executive summary				
<p>This paper seeks approval from the Committee to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Practice Improvement Grant (GPIG) requests for: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aughton Surgery - Lockwood Surgery 				
Advise, Assure or Alert				
<p>Alert the committee: To the requests for improvement grants from Aughton Surgery and Lockwood Surgery.</p> <p>Assure the committee: - That the proposed grants are in line with national guidance and regulations.</p>				
Recommendations				
The Committee is asked to approve the award of the proposed grants.				
Which Strategic Objective/s does the report contribute to				Tick
1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience			x
2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area			x
3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees			x
4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity			x
5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets			x
6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies			x
Implications				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments

Associated risks	x			Identified within the paper
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?		x		
Financial Implications		x		Identified within the paper
Where paper has been discussed (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper)				
Meeting	Date			Outcomes
Capital Working Group	02/10/2024			Recommended approval of both improvement grants
Impact assessments				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed			x	
Equality impact assessment completed			x	
Data privacy impact assessment completed			x	

Report authorised by:	Craig Harris, Chief Operating Officer
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General Practice Capital Investment

1. Introduction

1.2 This paper seek approval from the Committee to the following:

- General Practice Improvement Grant (GPIG) requests from Aughton Surgery and Lockwood Surgery

2 Proposed Investment – Improvement Grant 2024/24

3.1 The Primary Care Capital Group recommends that the Committee approves the following Improvement Grants.

3.2 The grant applications have been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that they are complete, submitted with all the relevant supporting paperwork including commercial quotations, project plans, architect plans, planning permission and are fully compliant with the Premises Cost Direction 2024.

3.3 The investments in the two practices were included within the prioritised capital pipeline for investment in 2024/25 supported at the Primary Care Capital Group meeting on the 15 May 2024 and reported to the Committee in the Triple A report.

3.4 A summary of the applications is provided below.

Aughton Surgery, 19 Town Green Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire – Grant £143,500

The practice's proposed plan is to extend their current premises with a two-story extension to create two additional clinical rooms on the ground floor and two rooms on the first floor for telephone consultations and other non-face to face clinical activities.

The practices current capacity is under great pressure, this was confirmed within the practice Primary Care Network (PCN) estate plan, with a high utilisation level and an identified need for additional clinical capacity. The practice has been planning the extension for some time with the support of the local ICB estate lead and have ensured all planning and building regulation requirements have been approved.

The additional capacity will support the existing pressures arising from the practices' own registered list, but also to provide capacity for the increased number of ARRS roles and services to be provided from the premises. Therefore, supporting both the practice and PCN capacity pressures.

The extension will result in a small increase in the recurrent revenue cost which was supported by the Primary Medical Services Group on the 2 February 2024. The abated cost increase is £3,230 per annum.

Lockwood Surgery, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire – Grant £127,073.

The practice's proposed plan is to increase their occupancy within the Civic Centre and to use the grant to reconfigure a new demised space to create 7 new clinical consultation rooms and an administration room. The space to be reconfigured is currently unoccupied.

The PCN estate plan identified this practice as one of the highest levels of estate pressure, with very high existing utilisation levels, and a high level of additional capacity needs. The plans have been in production for several years with the support of the local ICB estates lead.

The additional capacity will support the practices' own capacity pressures, but also be utilised by a number of ARRS roles and services that will support both the practice and PCN capacity requirements.

The increased demise will result in an increase in the recurrent cost which was approved by the Blackpool and Fylde and Wyre CCGs Joint Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting on 19 November 2021 and has been identified as a legacy commitment in previous reports to this Committee.

The Committee is requested to note that both grant applications are supported by a detailed set of drawings, and 3 commercial quotations to provide assurance that they offer value for money. The grant being requested is for 66% or less of the full cost of the works, with both practices funding the balance from their own resources.

The Committee is requested to approve the award of both Improvement Grants as they exceed the Capital Group delegated approval limit of £50,000.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Approve the award of a GP Improvement Grant to Aughton Surgery of £143,500
- Approve the award of a GP Improvement Grant to Lockwood Surgery of £127,073

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